



41st Singapore Economic Roundtable

Thursday, 14 November 2024
Orchard Ballroom 1, Level 3
Orchard Hotel Singapore

PROGRAMME

1.15 pm – 1.30 pm

Registration

1.30 pm – 1.45 pm

Opening Remarks

Moderator

Mr Manu Bhaskaran
Adjunct Senior Research Fellow
Institute of Policy Studies

1.45 pm – 2.30 pm

Macro-Economic Outlook for Singapore and Implications for Policy

1.45 pm – 2.00 pm

(Speaker TBC)

2.00 pm – 2.15 pm

Ms Radhika Rao
Executive Director and
Senior Economist
DBS Bank Ltd

2.15 pm – 2.30 pm

Mr Alvin Liew
Senior Economist
United Overseas Bank Limited

2.30 pm – 3.00 pm

Discussion

3.00 pm – 3.15 pm

Tea Break

3.15 pm – 4.00 pm

Special Session: Singapore and Malaysia Economic Connectivity

3.15 pm – 3.30 pm

Dr Francis Hutchinson
Senior Fellow
Co-ordinator of the Malaysia Studies Programme
ISEAS - Yusof Ishak Institute

3.30 pm – 3.45 pm

Mr Raymond Yee
Vice President
Customs and Regulatory Affairs
DHL Express

3.45 pm – 4.00 pm	Dr Chua Hak Bin Regional Co-Head Macro Research Maybank Research Pte Ltd
4.00 pm – 4.30 pm	Question-and-Answer Session
4.30 pm – 5.00 pm	Closing Remarks
	Mr Manu Bhaskaran
5.00pm	End

SYNOPSIS

The SER is a biannual meeting of private sector economists, business leaders and policymakers. Participants gather to discuss and debate the major cyclical issues facing the domestic economy and their consequences for monetary and fiscal policies. In addition, it includes a Special Session that seeks to investigate a specific contemporary topic of economic interest.

The first session of the 41st SER focuses on macro-economic issues and their relation to Singapore, the region and the world. It is then followed by the special session which aims to examine the potentially game-changing effects that the proposed Johor-Singapore Special Economic Zone (JS-SEZ) might have. Under the Memorandum of Understanding between the two countries, Malaysia and Singapore will work towards enhancing cross-border flows of goods and people as well as strengthening the business eco-system within JS-SEZ to support investments. Already, transport connectivity is set to improve under the Rapid Transit System Link (RTS Link) while investments from Singapore into Johor have boomed. Flows of labour from Johor into Singapore are also substantial. The SER will discuss a range of issues that will determine the success of this JS-SEZ proposal.